

●INSPIRE●

Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study
Sunday Adult Information
Monday Women's Bible Study
Wednesday Noon

Women's Monday Bible Study

Mondays 6:30pm here at church in the Narthex. Study will be based on Ephesians, a letter from Paul. Please see Ann Werk for additional information.

This group will be collecting mites for **LWML** (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) on the first Monday of each month. Mite boxes are available in the office if you would like to contribute to this great organization.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

An Inexpressible Treasure: The Theology and Practice of Holy Baptism. Our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ, established Baptism, so that we would have a way to access our new promised life. We will examine the many gifts available to us from Baptism during this six part study. Topics will include: Baptism and the Story of Jesus, A New Beginning, The Gifts and Benefits of Baptism, The Baptismal Commission, and questions about Baptism that are raised in this modern world. Join us for lunch and study each week at noon on Wednesday's.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join Pastor Werk Sunday morning for a bible study on the book of Genesis - "The Beginning".

●Grow●

Noisy Collection

We're adding an exciting new feature to our children's message next week: **"Noisy Collection"**. Here's how it works...the kids are encouraged to bring up coin offering with them to the children's message. Once up front they will drop it in the metal bowl that will be there for their collection. The coins bounce around and jingle, which may make them giggle. This interactive, fun collection will encourage them to bring something with them each week, helping them build those cheerful giver habits. So, if you have a little one attending the children's message next week encourage them to bring some coins up front for the **"Noisy Collection!"**

Altar Flowers 2020

Have a specific date(s) you would like to dedicate flowers? Please fill out the bulletin insert and place it Carol Plew's mail box. FYI-If the date is already filled, Carol will move you to the next closest date. **Have a date in mind? Look at the chart on the bulletin board to see what is available.** **TIME TO ORDER EASTER LILIES.** Fill out the "Sign up sheet" and place in Carol's

mail box. Cost is \$8 each. Last day to order is March 29.

Adult Information Class

Pastor Muller is leading an *adult information class* at 10:15am. Please let pastor know if you are interested. All are welcome.

●Change●

VBS

"The Amazing Chase" God's kids seeking The Way

What? Yes! It is time to start planning 2020 VBS. To make VBS thrive & be a success, we need MANY volunteers. Organizing, leading a team, serving dinner, etc. There is no age limit, no experience required--we just need **YOU!** Fill out the Sign up sheet and place it in the office mail box.

VBS date has been set for June 29-July 2 6-8pm. family meal will start at 5pm.

2020 Men's Gathering

April 17-19, 2020 at Lakeview Villages, 13500 W Lake Road, Seymour, IN 47274. Join other Christian men as they hear Rev. Jonathan Fisk present on the topic: "Lost Things: Rediscovering the First Article." See Brent Beery for more information



Redeemer Volunteering & Events

Sign up sheet

(Please place sign-ups in the Office mailbox)

Name: _____

☐ I'd like to donate to the Altar Flowers (\$25)

in honor of: _____ on this date: _____

It's Time to order **Easter Lilies (\$8 each)**

Please use this insert and place in the Carol Plew's mail box

I'd like to join an awesome Bible Study! attend as many as you like!

☐ Sunday Morning Bible Study Monday Evening Women's Bible Study

☐ Wednesday Noon Bible Study

☒ VBS! Yes, I would love to help

☐ would like assistance from the Youth Group
(yard work, cleaning, a visit ...)

☐ I would like to help with Sunday School, IMPACT, nursery

☐ Volunteering at Lincoln School & Little Steps Daycare.

I am interested in learning about the many opportunities on how to implement our Vision Statement.

- **Church Directory** You can go to the members only website anytime to update your family info, view church members addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. ***However, since only members can see this info, an "invitation" needs to be initiated by the office. Please contact the office to receive this "invitation".*** We would like all members information to be correct before printing. The office plans on having the directory tidied up by the end of March. Paper copies will then be available. Please contact the office for your invitation to view the members only website. <https://redeemerwarsaw.360unite.com>

The Centurion & Shang Ik Moon

There's a painting of Jesus and a centurion by Paolo Veronese from 1571. It depicts the scene from Matthew 8, where a centurion begs Jesus to heal his servant.

A) In the painting: Peter seems to be protecting Jesus from the centurion.

- Conversely; the centurion's men are trying to keep him from _____ to Jesus.
- 1) There was a strong cultural and religious divide between centurions & Jews.
 - 2) But, the centurion comes _____ this Jewish rabbi to heal his servant.
 - 3) We could translate Jesus's response, "You expect me come and heal him?"
 - Later in Matthew, Jesus says that he was sent only to Israel (Mt 15:24).

B) However, in the painting, Jesus turns to the centurion with an open _____.

- 1) Matthew also tells us, Jesus opens His hand & _____ centurion's ill servant.
- 2) It's the _____ of Jesus that bridges the cultural divide.
- 3) The centurion responds, "only speak a word and my servant will be healed."

C) It shows the centurion's trust in Jesus's _____ alone, could meet his need.

- 1) Then Jesus addresses his _____ need, "... I haven't found faith as great as this in anyone in Israel. I can guarantee that many will come from all over the world. They will eat with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. The citizens of that kingdom (Israel) will be thrown outside into the darkness. People will cry and be in extreme pain there." (Matthew 8:10b-12 GW)
- 2) Jesus, also invites us to take our place at His _____ with the centurion.
- 3) Not only us; Jesus calls to _____ we might think are miles away from Jesus.

Close: That's exactly why we as a church, need to turn our hands out to a world of people who may seem a million miles away and share Jesus's words with them.

After all, our **vision statement says**, "Redeemer Lutheran Church is fully committed to meeting the needs of FAMILIES with young children in our neighborhood."

And that's because **Jesus tells us**, "*As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me.*" (Matt. 25:40)

"Wasted or Not?"

And while He was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over His head. (Mark 14:3)

Read Mark 14:3-11

My grandmother once gave me a tiny jar of expensive solid perfume from Greece. To get the fragrant ointment out, you had to reach in with your smallest finger. But Mary's stone flask would have had a long, thin neck, and the only way to reach the ointment was to break the alabaster. Mary didn't hesitate. For Jesus? Anything.

That wasn't the attitude of some people watching, though. Judas in particular complained. Why waste something so costly on Jesus? If you winced just now, you see the problem.

There will always be people who think that anything costly is wasted on God -- and they're not thinking just about ointment. "Why waste your life on Jesus?" they ask. "You only live once. Make money, party hard, and enjoy your life. Jesus asks too much of His followers. Don't break your heart, don't waste your love, on a God like that."

They are right to say He asks a lot of us. "Forgive and you will be forgiven," He says. "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven" (see Luke 6:37; Matthew 5:44-45). And finally, "Come, follow Me" -- all the way to the cross. For "if anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also" (John 12:26a).

Loving Jesus is costly, yes, but it is worth it. For this is the One who broke -- not an alabaster flask, but His own body, in order to rescue us from death and all evil. Who can calculate the love involved in that sacrifice? Mary's flask is nothing to it. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:13-14).

This world is bound to break our hearts. It's impossible to escape that fate when sin and death are in the picture. But if they must break, let's not waste it. Let's make that sacrifice at the feet of the One who loves us.

THE PRAYER: Dear God, when my heart is breaking, be close to me. Use that situation for my help and Your glory. Amen.